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Ben,

Digest is good to go.

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## **OPA Daily Digest for 3/28/13**

### **Congressional Inquiries:**

**Sen. Roy Blunt (Mo.)** – Letter – 3/11/13: Constituent concern about fines and penalties as the result of the sale and inventory of a registered pesticide. Due: 3/25/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (closed)

**Sen. Roy Blunt (Mo.)** – Letter – 3/11/13: Constituent concern about CWA violations by Home Owners Association. Due: 3/25/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Sen. Mike Johanns (Ne)** – Meeting inquiry – 3/26/13: Requesting follow-up on aerial surveillance letters dated May 26 and Aug 6, 2012. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

**Sen. Mike Johanns/Rep. Lee Terry (Ne)** – Meeting inquiries – 3/26/13: Questions on the Omaha Lead Site. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

**Sen. Mike Johanns** (Ne): Meeting inquiry – 3/26/13: Questions on SPCC. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (closed)

**Sen. Mike Johanns** (Ne) – Meeting inquiry – 3/26/13: Question on the redevelopment of the PCS plant in Bellevue, Neb. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (closed)

**Sen. Mike Johanns** (Ne) – Meeting inquiry – 3/26/13: Questions on electronics recycling. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (closed)

### **State Government Inquiries:**

None

### **Press Inquiries:**

**Cedar Rapids Gazette – Erin Foster** – 3/29/13: Questions regarding how much the EPA has paid for meth lab clean-up in Iowa in recent years. Referred to HQ EPA press office. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (closed)

**Omaha World-Herald – Nancy Gaarder** – 3/29/13: Questions regarding mercury air toxics. Referred to HQ EPA press office. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (closed)

**Columbus Telegram – Tyler Ellison** – 3/29/13: Questions about building demolition timeline at the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Superfund Site in Columbus, Neb. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (open)

### **Environmental Stories:**

**KMOX Radio St. Louis - Odor Problems Elsewhere for Owners of Bridgeton Landfill** - 3/29/13 - This week's lawsuit filed by the state of Missouri against a company that owns a burning Bridgeton landfill is not the first time the firm has had environmental trouble. <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2013/03/29/odor-problems-elsewhere-for-owners-of-bridgeton-landfill/>

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Editorial: Regulators demand a fix at foul-smelling Bridgeton landfill** - 3/29/13 - The naysayers who complain that government regulators are job-killers and tax-suckers ought take a look at the case of the Bridgeton landfill.

[http://www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/editorial-regulators-demand-a-fix-at-foul-smelling-bridgeton-landfill/article\\_71e7338c-ae1d-54b1-a257-9e36a03b2079.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/editorial-regulators-demand-a-fix-at-foul-smelling-bridgeton-landfill/article_71e7338c-ae1d-54b1-a257-9e36a03b2079.html)

**St. Louis Public Radio - There's A Burning Problem At The Bridgeton Landfill (+audio - 6:47)** - It Stinks But Is It Unsafe? - 3/29/13 - The Wilfong Family lives in Bridgeton, within smelling distance of the landfill. They're concerned about the landfill's effects on their health. Three of the Wilfong kids have asthma. <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/theres-burning-problem-bridgeton-landfill-it-stinks-it-unsafe>

**International Brotherhood of Teamsters (release) - Community, Environmental and Labor Coalition Applaud Missouri Attorney General for Legal Action Against Republic Services** - 3/27/13 - Teamsters Joint Council 13 in St. Louis, Missouri Jobs with Justice, and Missouri Coalition for the Environment, applauded Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster for taking legal action against Republic Services yesterday for the ongoing environmental health and safety crisis at the Bridgeton/Westlake landfill. <http://tinyurl.com/TeamstersLandfill>

**Legal Newslne - Mo. AG files suit against St. Louis landfill owner** - 3/28/13 - Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster filed a lawsuit Wednesday against the owner of the St. Louis County-based Bridgeton Landfill after allegedly violating multiple state environmental laws in the operation of the facility. <http://legalnewslne.com/news/240496-mo-ag-files-suit-against-st-louis-landfill-owner>

**St. Louis Business Journal - Bridgeton landfill owners faced past environmental issues** - 3/28/13 - Republic Services Inc. has a history of racking up fines for environmental issues, and the company fell near the bottom of a previous Newsweek list ranking companies' track records on environmental concerns. [http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/morning\\_call/2013/03/bridgeton-landfill-owners-faced-past.html](http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/morning_call/2013/03/bridgeton-landfill-owners-faced-past.html)

**Chanute Tribune (Kan.) - Neosho County near bottom of Kansas health rankings** - 3/28/13 - The 2013 County Health Rankings and Roadmaps survey shows Neosho County as one of the least healthy counties in Kansas. <http://tinyurl.com/ChanuteHealth>

**Hays Daily News - Hays City Hall goes water-wise** - 3/28/13 - Orange cones and heavy equipment in front of Hays city offices signal the transition to improved water-efficiency as the building's frontage area is being prepped for a demonstration garden. <http://www.hdnews.net/Story/citylandscape032813>

**Associated Press - Neb. task force would focus on long-term water use** - 3/28/13 - Sen. Tom Carlson of Holdrege is proposing a state task force that would identify water-project needs, map them out, and rank them by importance. Carlson could present his bill to the full Legislature on Thursday.

[http://www.theindependent.com/news/state/neb-task-force-would-focus-on-long-term-water-use/article\\_bc0f534f-](http://www.theindependent.com/news/state/neb-task-force-would-focus-on-long-term-water-use/article_bc0f534f-)

[e6e6-50f5-b8f2-3ac7d042f560.html](http://www.kmov.com/news/local/All-but-1-lawsuit-dismissed-involving-possible-cancer-clusters-in-local-creek-200591721.html)

**KMOV Ch. 4 St. Louis - All but 1 lawsuit dismissed involving possible cancer clusters in local creek - 3/29/13 -** Just one of the eight lawsuits filed against Mallinckrodt chemical company by people who believe they got cancer from living near radioactive contamination in north St. Louis County will move forward.

<http://www.kmov.com/news/local/All-but-1-lawsuit-dismissed-involving-possible-cancer-clusters-in-local-creek-200591721.html>

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Judge throws out most Coldwater Creek cancer claims - 3/29/13 -** A federal judge has dismissed all but one claim in lawsuits filed against the chemical company Mallinckrodt by 29 people who believe their cancers were caused by the radioactive contamination of Coldwater Creek.

[http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/health-med-fit/health/judge-throws-out-most-coldwater-creek-cancer-claims/article\\_1101cc0c-7185-534f-89ff-870a322ff042.html](http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/health-med-fit/health/judge-throws-out-most-coldwater-creek-cancer-claims/article_1101cc0c-7185-534f-89ff-870a322ff042.html)

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Editorial: Time for the Public Service Commission to live up to its name - 3/28/13 -** State Sen. Tom Dempsey sent a letter to the Public Service Commission asking it to do a curious thing: Cancel plans to provide legislators with detailed information about a bill Ameren is pushing through the Legislature.

[http://www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/columns/the-platform/editorial-time-for-the-public-service-commission-to-live-up/article\\_36f5aa23-ef32-541e-aba8-46c232c2bb62.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/columns/the-platform/editorial-time-for-the-public-service-commission-to-live-up/article_36f5aa23-ef32-541e-aba8-46c232c2bb62.html)

**Kansas City Business Journal - KC budget includes more money to repair streets, sewers - 3/29/13 -** The Kansas City Council approved a \$1.3 billion budget for the upcoming fiscal year that includes a big bump in street repair funds, but also an increase in the water and sewer tax.

[http://www.bizjournals.com/kansascity/blog/morning\\_call/2013/03/kc-budget-includes-more-money-to.html](http://www.bizjournals.com/kansascity/blog/morning_call/2013/03/kc-budget-includes-more-money-to.html)

**The Kansas City Star - KC Council adopts no-drama budget - 3/28/13 -** After several years of wrenching spending cuts, the Kansas City Council adopted a \$1.3 billion budget Thursday that provides more money for streets, parks, sewer upgrades and youth activities. <http://www.kansascity.com/2013/03/28/4149630/kc-council-adopts-no-drama-budget.html>

**St. Louis Beacon - Cutting-edge approach needed to revamp flood insurance, flood risk analysis - 3/28/13 -** With the price of flood insurance on the rise and climate change likely to worsen Midwest flooding, a scientific panel wants federal emergency officials to modernize the outmoded tools used to analyze the probability and impact of floods. [https://www.stlbeacon.org/#!/content/30090/fema\\_flood\\_insurance](https://www.stlbeacon.org/#!/content/30090/fema_flood_insurance)

**Boone Daily News - Q&A with Congresswoman Hartzler - 3/28/13 -** Part of the newspaper's interview includes comments about EPA. Regulations are another thing that heightens the cost. We have a lot of coal powered plants shut down because of the new EPA regulations, which does not make sense because the air here is some of the cleanest in the world. <http://www.boonvilledailynews.com/article/20130328/NEWS/130328760>

**Associated Press - Columbia symposium examines factory-size farming - 3/29/13** - The "Far From the Farm" event April 9-11 is billed as an effort to promote rural economic development while exploring alternatives to the factory-size farms known as concentrated animal feeding operations, or CAFOs.

<http://tinyurl.com/FarFromTheFarm>

**Wichita Business Journal - Mulvane-based Bescorp finds niche with power companies nationally - 3/28/13** - American Electric Power, Nevada Energy, Vectren Corp. Those are the names of the three big-name electric utility companies that Mulvane-based Bescorp has added in the past four months as the company continues its transition.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/wichita/blog/2013/03/mulvane-based-bescorp-finds-niche-with.html>

**Quad-City Times - Ag Secretary Vilsack to tour Iowa DuPont facility - 3/28/13** - U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack is in Iowa to announce a new agreement with DuPont that the USDA says will promote renewable energy and conservation. [http://qctimes.com/news/state-and-regional/iowa/ag-secretary-vilsack-to-tour-iowa-dupont-facility/article\\_43e10576-a933-5ff6-8fae-93aa3ef3df19.html](http://qctimes.com/news/state-and-regional/iowa/ag-secretary-vilsack-to-tour-iowa-dupont-facility/article_43e10576-a933-5ff6-8fae-93aa3ef3df19.html)

**Florissant Patch - Judge Dismisses the Majority of Coldwater Creek Cancer Claims - 3/39/13** - A federal judge has dismissed all but one claim in lawsuits filed against Mallinckrodt, in which 29 people believe radioactive contamination in Coldwater Creek caused their cancers. <http://florissant.patch.com/articles/judge-dismisses-the-majority-of-coldwater-creek-cancer-claims>

**Brownfield Ag News - Nebraska bill creates water task force - 3/28/13** - A bill that would create a task force to address the long-term sustainability of Nebraska's water resources is being debated today in the state legislature. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2013/03/28/nebraska-bill-creates-water-task-force/>

**Brownfield Ag News - USDA announces conservation collaboration with DuPont - 3/29/13** - Ag Secretary Tom Vilsack announced a new federal-private collaboration with DuPont today. The goal is to safeguard natural resources on private lands used to supply bio-based feedstocks for cellulosic ethanol production. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2013/03/29/usda-announces-conservation-collaboration-with-dupont/>

**Associated Press - EPA taking aim at auto emissions, sulfur in gas - 3/29/13** - Reducing sulfur in gasoline and tightening emissions standards on cars beginning in 2017, as the Obama administration is proposing, would come with costs as well as rewards. <http://www.kansascity.com/2013/03/28/4149760/epa-to-propose-rule-to-clean-up.html>

**Associated Press - Court: EPA can stop some power plant modifications - 3/28/13** - A federal appeals court says

government regulators can try to halt construction projects at power plants if they think the companies didn't properly calculate whether the changes would increase air pollution.  
<http://www.kansascity.com/2013/03/28/4149059/us-court-sides-with-epa-in-michigan.html>

**Wall Street Journal - EPA Plans to Require Cleaner Gas** - 3/28/13 - The Obama administration is moving forward with tough new standards to cut pollution from cars, prompting an outcry from refiners.  
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887323361804578389023082314126.html>

**Dallas Morning News - Federal appeals court backs EPA in Texas clean-air case** - 3/28/13 - The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, in New Orleans, said Monday that the Environmental Protection Agency was justified in approving part of a Texas clean-air plan and disapproving another part. <http://www.dallasnews.com/news/local-news/20130327-federal-appeals-court-backs-epa-in-texas-clean-air-case.ece>

**Huffington Post (blog) - The EPA Must Protect Our Water From Coal Pollution** - 3/28/13 - Here's a pretty shocking fact: While many of us know that coal-fired power plants create significant air pollution, it turns out they're one of our biggest water polluters, too. [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/mary-anne-hitt/the-epa-must-protect-our\\_b\\_2973046.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/mary-anne-hitt/the-epa-must-protect-our_b_2973046.html)

**Chicago Tribune - Coal tar industry fights bans on sealants** - 3/28/13 - An industry lobbying group funds research and argues that coal tar products are safe despite government studies linking them to pollution. [http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2013-03-28/news/ct-met-coal-tar-industry-pushback-20130328\\_1\\_coal-tar-pavement-coatings-technology-council-pavement-sealants](http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2013-03-28/news/ct-met-coal-tar-industry-pushback-20130328_1_coal-tar-pavement-coatings-technology-council-pavement-sealants)

**National Journal - New EPA Gasoline Rule Could Raise Prices, Fuel Political Fires** - 3/29/13 - The Obama administration today rolled out a controversial new regulation for gasoline that could raise costs at the pump and ignite immediate pushback from Republicans and the oil industry. <http://www.nationaljournal.com/daily/new-epa-gasoline-rule-could-raise-prices-fuel-political-fires-20130307>

**Palo Alto Online (Calif.) - Air pollutants linked to higher risk of birth defects** - 3/28/13 - A newly released Stanford study associates traffic-related pollution and exposure during early pregnancy to an increased risk for birth defects. [http://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/show\\_story.php?id=29082](http://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/show_story.php?id=29082)

**The Hill (blog) - Green energy popular, partisan split on oil** - 3/28/13 - Roughly three-quarters of U.S. residents want the country to boost emphasis on wind and solar power production, making the fuels much more popular than coal, nuclear and oil, a new poll shows. <http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/290735-poll-green-energy-popular-partisan-split-on-oil>

**The Hill (blog) - Report: Some federal wind energy programs 'duplicative'** - 3/28/13 - Most of the 82 federal programs designed to support wind energy had “overlapping characteristics,” and several “provided some duplicative financial support,” according to a Government Accountability Office report <http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/290869-report-some-federal-wind-energy-programs-duplicative>

**ClimateWire - Lured by savings and cash, many American schools are going solar** - 3/28/13 - With an increasing number of grants and other funding available, more American public schools like Dublin High are looking to solar as a way to save money. <http://www.eenews.net/public/climatewire/2013/03/28/2>

**Inside EPA - Unions Praise EPA Vow To Limit Staff Furloughs Absent Formal Bargaining** - 3/29/13 - An EPA union is praising agency Acting Administrator Bob Perciasepe's vow to try and reduce staff furloughs by focusing 80 percent of budget cuts on non-payroll items such as grants and contracts.

<http://insideepa.com/201303292429393/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/unions-praise-epa-vow-to-limit-staff-furloughs-absent-formal-bargaining/menu-id-95.html>

**Chicago Tribune - Editorial: Enough dawdling. Obama should approve the Keystone pipeline** - 3/28/13 - President Barack Obama has a big decision to make about this nation's economic future. The call is an easy one, and it's long overdue. <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/opinion/editorials/ct-edit-keystone-0329-jm-20130329,0,7507756.story>

**E&E News PM - Panel urges Congress to suspend plan for online posting of employees' financial info** - 3/28/13 - Congress should "indefinitely suspend" plans for the online posting of federal employees' financial information, according to the National Academy of Public Administration. <http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/rss/2013/03/28/2>

**Brownfield Ag News - Congressional Confusion** - 3/29/13 - The more I hang around this town, the less tolerance I have for the time, money and energy spent on “symbolism.” <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2013/03/29/congressional-confusion/>

**Environmental Leader - Tailpipe Pollution Standards Cut Sulfur Levels More than 60%** - 3/29/13 - The EPA today proposed stricter rules on gasoline and vehicle emissions that it says will greatly reduce greenhouse gas emissions from cars and light trucks. <http://www.environmentalleader.com/2013/03/29/tailpipe-pollution-standards-cut-sulfur-levels-more-than-60/>

**Greenwire - EPA tweaks utility air toxics rule** - 3/29/13 - U.S. EPA today released tweaks to its final air toxics rule for power plants, as part of a very busy Good Friday regulatory release that also included a long-awaited sulfur

emissions rule for gasoline. <http://www.eenews.net/Greenwire/rss/2013/03/29/24>

**Greenwire - Rust could solve storage problems for solar, wind -- study** - 3/29/13 - A new technique for creating a cheaper catalyst -- rust -- could help make renewable forms of energy more economically feasible, researchers said in a new study. <http://www.eenews.net/Greenwire/rss/2013/03/29/17>

**E&E News - CFTC unanimously votes to exempt public utilities from new financial rules** - 3/29/13 - Federal regulators yesterday approved an exemption for government-owned utilities and rural electric cooperatives from new financial rules. <http://www.eenews.net/Greenwire/rss/2013/03/29/16>

**The Business Journals - Proposed EPA rules could save lives but increase the cost of gasoline** - 3/29/13 - A healthier America or more expensive gasoline -- that's the choice presented by the Environmental Protection Agency's proposal to reduce sulfur levels in gasoline and impose stricter emissions limits on new vehicles by 2017. <http://www.bizjournals.com/bizjournals/washingtonbureau/2013/03/29/proposed-epa-rules-could-save-lives.html>

**BNA - Industry Groups Release Seed Treatment Guide** - 3/29/13 - CropLife America and the American Seed Trade Association has posted an online guide for seed treatment stewardship to inform growers and seed companies on best practices to reduce pesticide exposure to nontarget organisms. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=30241941&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d7c1b5c2&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=30241941&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d7c1b5c2&split=0)

**BNA - Monsanto, DuPont Reach Agreement On Biotech Soybeans, End Legal Battle** - 3/29/13 - DuPont Pioneer has agreed to pay Monsanto at least \$1.75 billion in royalty payments for use of Monsanto's next-generation soybean technologies in new herbicide-resistant crops expected on the market within the next few years. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=30241923&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d7c0r4n5&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=30241923&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d7c0r4n5&split=0)

**BNA - President Will Send Fiscal 2014 Budget Plan to Capitol Hill on April 10** - 3/29/13 - President Obama will submit his fiscal year 2014 budget to Congress on April 10, Josh Earnest, White House deputy press secretary, announced March 28. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=30241945&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d7c1d8m9&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=30241945&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d7c1d8m9&split=0)

**BNA - GAO Report Finds Wind Energy Funding Programs Overlapping, Duplicative** - 3/29/13 - Dozens of programs that fund wind energy projects involving multiple agencies are overlapping and in some cases have provided duplicative funding for a single project, according to a Government Accountability Office report released March 28. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=30241922&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d7c0r0q4&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=30241922&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d7c0r0q4&split=0)



**BN - EPA Can Review Emissions Projections For New Source Permitting, Court Rules** - 3/29/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency has authority under the Clean Air Act to review projections of future emissions resulting from a facility modification and need not wait for data from the completed project, a federal appeals court ruled March 28.

[http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=30241925&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d7c0t5m5&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=30241925&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d7c0t5m5&split=0)

**BN - Syngenta, Bayer Propose Five-Point Action Plan to Protect Pollinator Health** - 3/29/13 - Syngenta and Bayer CropScience on March 28 released a five-part action plan on pollinator health that would invest in additional studies on bee population declines and implement mandatory mitigation measures intended to reduce pesticide exposure.

[http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=30241933&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d7c0x5f8&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=30241933&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d7c0x5f8&split=0)

**BN - EPA on Track for September Release Of Chemical 'Dashboard' for Decisionmaking** - 3/29/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency's research office is on track to release in September an online "dashboard" that will allow agency and nonagency users to integrate chemical information from different agency databases.

[http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=30241924&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d7c0r8a9&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=30241924&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d7c0r8a9&split=0)

**Inside EPA - Supreme Court To Consider NO2 NAAQS Lawsuit** - 3/28/13 - The Supreme Court is slated to hold a March 29 conference to decide whether to grant the American Petroleum Institute's (API) request to take up a suit challenging EPA's nitrogen dioxide (NO2) national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS).

<http://insideepa.com/201303282429300/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/supreme-court-to-consider-no2-naaqs-lawsuit/menu-id-97.html>

**Inside EPA - 6th Circuit Ruling Seen Limiting EPA Pre-Construction NSR Enforcement** - 3/28/13 - Utility industry officials are welcoming a U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit ruling granting EPA only a limited remand of a lower court ruling restricting its ability to file Clean Air Act new source review (NSR) enforcement actions. <http://insideepa.com/201303282429335/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/utilities-say-6th-circuit-ruling-limits-epa-pre-construction-nsr-lawsuits/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - Utilities Say High Court Ruling Sets Five-Year Limit On EPA NSR Enforcement** - 3/29/13 - Utilities are trying to limit EPA's ability to pursue new source review (NSR) enforcement by citing a recent Supreme Court holding that a "discovery" exception to the five-year statute of limitations for filing lawsuits does not apply to the federal government. <http://insideepa.com/201303282429336/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/utilities-say-high-court-ruling-sets-five-year-limit-on-epa-nsr-enforcement/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - Suits Expected Over RICE Air Rule** - 3/29/13 - A key power industry official expects some states, environmentalists, electricity suppliers and others to file lawsuits over EPA's revised air toxics rule for reciprocating internal combustion engines (RICE) by an April 1 deadline,

Suits Expected Over RICE Air Rule. <http://insideepa.com/201303292429381/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/suits-expected-over-rice-air-rule/menu-id-97.html>

**Inside EPA - EPA Official Backs Use Of Chronic TCE Value To Assess Short-Term Risks - 3/29/13** - A top EPA waste official is backing the use of the agency's chronic risk value to protect against cardiac birth defects from short-term exposures to the solvent trichloroethylene (TCE) when crafting cleanups.

<http://insideepa.com/201303292429394/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-official-backs-use-of-chronic-tce-value-to-assess-short-term-risks/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - Fearing Overlap With EPA, Private Group Urged To Ease TCE Risk Advice - 3/29/13** - The Alliance for Risk Assessment (ARA), a private sector risk group, is being urged to soften its proposed screening level for assessing health risks from short-term exposures to the solvent trichloroethylene (TCE).

<http://insideepa.com/201303292429396/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/fearing-overlap-with-epa-private-group-urged-to-ease-tce-risk-advice/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - EPA, DOT Urged To Tighten Tar Sands Pipeline Rules To Protect Wildlife - 3/28/13** -

Environmentalists have petitioned EPA and the Department of Transportation's (DOT) pipeline administration asking the agencies to craft stricter rules for pipelines that carry tar sands oil.

<http://insideepa.com/201303282429261/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-dot-urged-to-tighten-tar-sands-pipeline-rules-to-protect-wildlife/menu-id-95.html>

## **Press Releases:**

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

**EPA propone norma alcanzable para combustibles y autos más limpios, recortar la contaminación atmosférica y proveer amplios beneficios para la salud – 3/29/13 – Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364**

## **Fact Sheets:**

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

## **Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:**

\* New additions noted with an asterisk

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**4/10/13** - Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

**4/16/13** - Greater St. Louis Air & Waste Management Association meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487.

**4/17/13** – Smart Growth Technical Assistance Event, Lawrence, Kan. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

**4/23/13** – Visit Kickapoo Nation, Horton, Kan. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

**4/30/13** – Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Dave Cozad, 7587

**5/9/13** - Four State Environmental Education Association Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Denise Morrison, 7402

**5/15/13** - Federal Executive Board Monthly Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**5/28-29/13** - Four State Directors Meeting, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Dick Sumpter, 7661

**DRA:**

**4/10/13** - Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

**4/15-17/13** - Attend Executive Management Council meeting, Washington, DC Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

**5/9/13** - Four State Environmental Education Association Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Denise Morrison, 7402

**5/15/13** - Federal Executive Board Monthly Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**5/18-19/13** - Four State Directors Meeting, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Dick Sumpter, 7661

**SA:**

**4/10/13** - Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

**4/16/13** - 2013 Heartland Regional Water Conference, Overland Park, Kansas Contact: Josh Svaty, 7202

**5/15/13** - Federal Executive Board Monthly Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**5/18-19/13** - Four State Directors Meeting, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Dick Sumpter, 7661

**RA/Immediate Office**

None

**Other Events**

**AWMD**

**4/4/13** - Participating in East-West Gateway Council of Governments Spring Monitoring Meeting, St. Louis, Mo.  
Contact Amy Bhesania, 7147.

**CNSL**

None

**ECO/EJ**

None

**ENSV**

None

**PLMG**

None

**RA/OPA**

None

**SUPR**

None

**WWPD**

**4/1-5/13** - 2013 National Training Workshop on Clean Water 303(d) Listing and Total Maximum Daily Loads,

Shepherdstown, W.Va. Contact: Tabatha Adkins, 7128

**4/4/13** – Missouri Water and Waste Water Conference, St. Joseph, Mo. Contact: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036

**4/15-17/13** - Heartland Regional Water Conference, Overland Park, Kan. Contacts: Karen Flournoy, 7782, Wayne Gieselman, 7785

**4/16/13** – Missouri Safe Drinking Water Commission Meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036

**4/16/13** – Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule (RRP) and Lead Hazard Disclosure Presentation, Nebraska State Realtors Convention, La Vista, Neb. Contact: Tom Brick, 7913

**4/19/13** – KU Environmental Engineering Conference, Lawrence, Kan. Contact: Stan Calow, 7410